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Quincy Fire Intentionally-Set

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan and Quincy Fire Chief Joseph Barron said this morning's fire at 488 Quincy Avenue in Quincy was determined to be intentionally-set. Investigators have ruled out all unintentional sources of ignition. The fire started on an inside stairwell of the building that was originally a multi-family dwelling that had been converted to office space, but had no tenants and was for sale.

State Fire Marshal Coan said, "There is obviously great concern that this fire may be connected to the recent arson fires that have occurred in southeastern Massachusetts, but at this time it is too early in the investigation to rule that in or out."

The joint investigation by the Quincy Fire and Police Departments and State Police assigned to Office of the State Fire Marshal will continue as it moves from a cause and origin investigation to a criminal one.